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## \$28,840 Settlement Reached With Imperial Valley Resources Recovery Company

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced that a settlement has been reached with Imperial Valley Resources Recovery Company, LLC (IVRR), located at 3505 Highway 111 in Imperial, Imperial County, for hazardous waste violations IVRR is a hazardous waste generator.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed on February 2, 2005, IVRR will pay DTSC \$28,840 of which \$22,770 is an administrative penalty and \$6,070 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC.

The settlement stems from violations noted by DTSC inspectors during an inspection at IVRR on December 16, 2003. DTSC inspectors noted the following:

- Storage of hazardous waste in piles from approximately February 2002 to March 2003 without a permit from DTSC
- Storage of hazardous wastes in containers and tanks without a permit from DTSC
- Failure to label hazardous waste containers and tanks
- Failure to close hazardous waste containers and tanks

As part of the settlement, DTSC will reduce IVRR's original penalty by \$5,000 if two of IVRR's employees obtain a certificate of satisfactory completion of hazardous waste management courses at the California Compliance School (CCS). CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statues and regulations. IVRR must submit the certificates to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of this Order or they must pay DTSC the additional \$5,000 within 30 days of the initial 185-day deadline.

IVRR has corrected all violations listed in the Order.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.